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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS (DALLAS DIVISION)

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In re: LIF ESMAEL MODABBERI,		NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS Case No.: 09-38264-hdh13 (Chapter 13)		
Debtor.	§ 			
DALLAS UNLIMITED REAL ESTATE SOLUTIONS, INC., PROMPT PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE SERVICES, INC. and LIF MODABBERI,	<i>ത.ത.ത.ത.ത</i>			
Plaintiffs,	§ 8			
V.	\$ 8	ADVERSARY NO		
FIRST STATE BANK, MESQUITE,	~ ~ ~	Removed from the County Court at Law No. 1 for Dallas County, Texas Cause No. CC-09-03970-A		
Defendant.	§			

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

First State Bank, Mesquite ("FSB"), the Defendant in the State Court Action (as defined below), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452 and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9027, files this its Notice of Removal (the "Notice"), and in support thereof would respectfully show the Court as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. On May 18, 2009, Lif Esmael Modabberi ("Modaberri" or the "Debtor") and others filed suit against FSB in the County Court at Law No. 1, Dallas County, Texas, Cause No. CC-09-03970-A, captioned Dallas Unlimited Real Estate Solutions, Inc., Prompt Professional Real Estate Services, Inc., and Lif Modaberri v. First State Bank, Mesquite (the "State Court Action").
- 2. Thereafter, on December 1, 2009, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 13 of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101, et seq., (the "Bankruptcy Code"), thereby initiating the bankruptcy case captioned *In re Lif Esmael*

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Modabberi, Case No. 09-38264-hdh13 (the "Bankruptcy Action"), currently pending before this Court.

3. In the State Court Action, the Debtor has asserted claims and causes of action against FSB for Breach of Contract and Business Disparagement in connection with FSB's alleged reporting of information regarding the Debtor to the national credit reporting agencies. Accordingly, the State Court Action is related to the Bankruptcy Action because any matters related to the Debtor's credit reports will impact the Debtor's Chapter 13 adjustment of debts and any plan filed in the Bankruptcy Matter.

II. REMOVAL

- 4. By this Notice, FSB hereby removes the State Court Action to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452 and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9027.
- 5. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452(a), "[a] party may remove any claim or cause of action in a civil action . . . to the district court for the district where such civil action is pending, if such district court has jurisdiction of such claim or cause of action under section 1334 of this title."
- 6. The State Court Action was pending in Dallas County, which is located within the boundary of the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas. Thus, removal of the State Court Action to this district and division is appropriate.
- 7. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334, as the proceeding arises in or is related to a case under Title 11.
- 8. The State Court Action, as removed, is a core bankruptcy proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A), (B), (D), and/or (O). In the event that any claim or cause of action asserted in the State Court Action is determined to be non-core, FSB consents to the entry of final orders by this Court with respect to such non-core claims and causes of action.
- 9. This Notice is accompanied by a copy of all process and pleadings filed in the State Court Action, attached hereto as the following:

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- Exhibit "A": Index of Documents filed in the State Court Action, and the a. dates of filing thereof;
- Exhibit "B": Each document filed in the State Court Action, tabbed and b. arranged in chronological order according to the state court filing date.
- 10. This Notice is timely filed pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9027(a)(2).
- A copy of this Notice, as filed in this Court, is also filed in the State Court Action. 11. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9027(c), no further proceedings or actions shall be taken in the State Court Action.

WHEREFORE, FSB hereby removes the State Court Action from the County Court at Law No. 1, Dallas County, Texas to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of December, 2009

MUNSCH HARDT KOPF & HARR, P.C.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 14th day of December, 2009, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served via CERTIFIED MAIL, return receipt requested, to the following:

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS IN
THE STATE COURT ACTION

Ye-Whei Peter Chen

B104 (FORM 104) (08/07)

ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHED (Instructions on Reverse)	ADVERSARY PROCES DISTRICT COURTS (Court Use Only) ADVERSARY PROCES DISTRICT COURTS (Court Use Only)		
	DEFENDANCE.		
PLAINTIFFS : DALLAS UNLIMITED REAL ESTATE	DEFENDANTS TENER CENTRE DANK MEGGYEEFE		
SOLUTIONS, INC., PROMPT PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE	FIRST STATE BANK, MESQUITE		
SERVICES, INC., and LIF MODABERRI			
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.) Michael Payma, TSBN: 00790560	ATTORNEYS (If Known) Greg C. Noschese, TSBN: 00797164, Lea N. Clinton, TSBN: 24045018,		
PAYMA, KUHNEL & SMITH, P.C.; 1401 ELM STREET SUITE 1800, DALLAS, TX 75202 (214) 999-0000	Lea N. Clinton, TSBN: 24045018, Ye-Whei Peter Chen, TSBN: 24065038 MUNSCH HARDT KOPF & HARR P.C.; 500 N. AKARD 3800 LINCOLN PLAZA, DALLAS 75201 (214)855-7500		
PARTY (Check One Box Only)	PARTY (Check One Box Only)		
☑ Debtor ☐ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin	□ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin		
□ Creditor □ Other	□ Creditor ☑ Other		
□ Trustee	☐ Trustee		
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE Removal of a State Court Proceeding, Case No. CC-	(OF ACTION, INCLUDING ALL U.S. STATUTES INVOLVED)		
Law No. 1 of Dallas County, Texas, pursuant to Ru	le 9027 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy		
Procedure.			
NATURE	OFSUIT		
(Number up to five (5) boxes starting with lead cause of action as			
FRBP 7001(1) - Recovery of Money/Property	FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability (continued)		
11-Recovery of money/property - \$542 turnover of property	61-Dischargeability - §523(a)(5), domestic support		
11-Recovery of money/property - \$547 preference	68-Dischargeability - §523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury		
13-Recovery of money/property - \$548 fraudulent transfer	63-Dischargeability - §523(a)(8), student loan		
14-Recovery of money/property - other	64-Dischargeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation		
14-receivery of money/property canal	(other than domestic support)		
FRBP 7001(2) - Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien	65-Dischargeability - other		
21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property			
	FRBP 7001(7) – Injunctive Relief		
FRBP 7001(3) - Approval of Sale of Property	71-Injunctive relief – imposition of stay		
31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)	72-Injunctive relief – other		
FRBP 7001(4) - Objection/Revocation of Discharge	FRBP 7001(8) Subordination of Claim or Interest		
41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)	81-Subordination of claim or interest		
FRBP 7001(5) – Revocation of Confirmation	FRBP 7001(9) Declaratory Judgment		
☐ 51-Revocation of confirmation	91-Declaratory judgment		
FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability	FRBP 7001(10) Determination of Removed Action		
66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims	▼ 01-Determination of removed claim or cause		
2-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation,	1-Determination of temoved claim of cause		
actual fraud	Other		
67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny	SS-SIPA Case – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa et.seq.		
	02-Other (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court		
(continued next column)	if unrelated to bankruptcy case)		
☐ Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law	☐ Check if this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23		
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Other Relief Sought			

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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES					
NAME OF DEBTOR LIF ESMAEL MODABERRI		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 09-38264-hdh13			
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS		DIVISION OFFICE DALLAS	NAME OF JUDGE JUDGE HALE		
RELATED A	DVERSARY F	ROCEEDING (IF ANY)			
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.		
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDIN	1G	DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE		
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)					
DATE		PRINT NAME OF ATTORN	EY (OR PLAINTIFF)		
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INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 104, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 104 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendants. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

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DEFENDANT'S CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PERSONS

Defendant First State Bank, Mesquite files this Certificate of Interested Persons and would show the Court that the following persons and entities may have a financial interest in the outcome of the above-entitled and numbered cause:

- 1. Dallas Unlimited Real Estate Solutions, Inc.
- 2. Prompt Professional Real Estate Services, Inc.
- 3. Lif Modaberri
- 4. First State Bank, Mesquite

Respectfully submitted,

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Supplemental Civil Cover Sheet For Cases Removed HERN From State Court

This form must be attached to the Civil Cover Sheet at the time the case is filed in the U.S. District Clerk's Office. Additional sheets may be used as necessary.

1.

Please identify the court from which the case is being removed and specify the number State Court Information: assigned to the case in that court.

Court

County Court at Law No. 1 Dallas County, Texas

Case Number

Cause No. CC-09-03970-A

Style of the Case: 2.

Counterclaimant(s), Please include all Plaintiff(s), Defendant(s), Intervenor(s), Crossclaimant(s) and Third Party Claimant(s) still remaining in the case and indicate their party type. Also, please list the attorney(s) of record for each party named and include their bar number, firm name, correct mailing address, and phone number (including area code.)

Party and Party Type

Plaintiffs Dallas Unlimited Real Estate Solutions, Inc., Prompt Professional Real Estate Services, Inc. and Lif Modabberi

Defendant First State Bank, Mesquite

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	Was a Jury Demand made in State Court?	Y	es	NoX
	If "Yes," by which party and on what date	e?		
	Party			Date
4.	Answer:			
	Was an Answer made in State Court?	Y	es X	No
	If "Yes," by which party and on what dat	te?		
	Defendant First State Bank, Mesquite Party			6/17/09 Date
5.	Unserved Parties:			
	The following parties have not been served at the	he time	this case v	was removed:
	<u>Party</u>		Reason(s)	for No Service
	None			
6.	Nonsuited, Dismissed or Terminated Parties	:		
	Please indicate any changes from the style on the change:	ne State	e Court pap	ers and the reason for that
	<u>Party</u>		Reason	
	None			
7.	Claims of the Parties:			
	The filing party submits the following summary litigation:	of the	remaining	claims of each party in this
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